

Truman, Gray And The Unfinished Business

The forecasters are at it again. Since the Trustees' meeting on Monday, and the granting of Gordon Gray's request for two days per week to be devoted to work in Washington, rumors have proliferated concerning the presidency and the president.

Kerr Scott, looking canny, spoon-fed a flock of voracious and indiscriminating reporters who blurted his words onto every front page in the state. Saith His Excellency, Mr. Gray might become Secretary of State; then again, he might not. He might go to Nicaragua and play cribbage with Capus Waynick. Or maybe he will accompany Frank Graham to Kashmir and introduce Camels to the populace there. Or perhaps Harry Truman is in need of a fourth at bridge. Or maybe he will be the Democratic Vice-presidential choice. Or, and this is admittedly a long shot, perhaps he will set up the Bureau of Psychological Strategy!

As for ourselves, we feel that such speculation is futile, and we are quite willing to accept the situation at its *prima facie* value. Mr. Gray took the oath of office as UNC president only a few months ago. We were living in a state of continuous crisis at that time just as we are living in such a state today. Therefore, when Mr. Gray took the oath of office, he did so when he was fully aware of the demands which might be made upon him. We feel, then, that the Truman request to form the new agency was no ordinary request, but one of a most critical and vital nature. An ordinary request, we feel, Mr. Gray was fully prepared to ignore. This extraordinary request evidently compelled attention.

There is already discussion among the politically vocal regarding the possibility of a new president, when and if Mr. Gray takes Mr. Acheson's place or some such important post. Such talk is premature. Just as we believe that the request by the President was of great importance to the welfare of the country, we also believe that Mr. Gray, upon completing the mission, will return to North Carolina.

From the point of view of the University, we lament his going. In fact, we are somewhat bitter. But, in the light of the international situation, we feel that the Trustees were correct in allowing the request. However, we are differing sharply with general opinion concerning Mr. Gray and the future. We think that he will remain as president of the Consolidated University. Mr. Gray's devotion to the University and the unfinished business here are two good reasons for his doing this.

The University is sadly in need of a firm hand, applied continuously. It is sadly in need of some agreement among its parts regarding its mission in this world. The University has been in this regrettable plight for several years, and the situation does not improve with time, but rather, as the University burgeons, becomes more complicated and more urgent.

Some of the more basic problems now confronting the University would include the following:
1. The question of entrance examinations. However elementary the examinations might be, there should be such examinations in order that some standard might be evolved for purposes of admission.

2. The Nature and Function of a State University. The divergent elements of the University must, in some way, be unified. (See Editorial below) There are several questions in this connection which require answers. For example: Is a State University similar to a private University in all respects except the source of revenue? Are the obligations of a State University more, or less, or identical to the obligations of a private university? What are our obligations? Are we fulfilling them? Who has discussed this recently? Can football and Philosophy be reconciled? Shall we teach a boy a trade, or Virgil, or both?

It is rather obvious that inquiry into the Nature and Function of a State University would prove to be interesting.

3. Rebuild the faculty. By this phrase, we do not seek to alienate those many faithful and competent faculty members who have labored in the University vineyard so long for so little. But, and we feel that many will agree, there is a great crying need for young, competent, permanent additions to a faculty which has been gradually weakened by the ravages of time, foreign money (from other Universities, that is), and administrative inattention.

In short, we are potentially a great University. Gordon Gray is potentially our greatest president.

As President Gray spends two or three days per week in Washington, he leaves unfinished business in Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Greensboro. Mr. Gray is not a man who leaves important assignments uncompleted. That he considers the University presidency an important assignment is clear beyond doubt.

That he will soon return to full-time status is equally clear.

Such A Great Division In Common Purpose

As was anticipated, the editorial in the last edition of the paper entitled "Football or Education?" has been received rather bitterly among many of the students and with seeming delight among members of the faculty; we imagine the usual division held true inside the administration.

That such a dichotomy of opinion exists within a university community on such a basic issue as professionalized athletics, there is little wonder.

More and more we have developed here in Chapel Hill a university divided into three, separate worlds and all growing progressively farther apart. The administration and the faculty moving in two directions; the students, amid bewilderment, in a third. This unfortunate condition is destroying much of the benefit of this University

and creating general disorder.

How many faculty members, we ask, is a student acquainted with, other than in the conventional acquaintance created in the classrooms? How many faculty members are in intimate contact with administration officials? Little wonder there can be so great a division of opinion on so basic an issue.

These divisions in understanding, the disunities in common purpose, and consequently, the lack of order, will be prevalent in the University community until the time comes when the components of this tri-furcated school sit down, learn each other's names, and arrive at a common understanding as to the purpose and aim of this state University.

'Today I Feel I Must Humbly Apologize

By Art Greenbaum

On Tuesday morning, I maneuvered certain members of the Athletic Department into an uncomfortable position by announcing that Dr. Peacock would assume the head soccer post next fall.

Today, I feel that I must humbly apologize for some of the rash statements that I did make. Dr. Peacock is a fine person and I wouldn't want to hurt him for the world. But I do feel

that the department can find someone else for the job. In fact, they know as well as I that there is a man in the local plant who can fill the bill much better.

I seem to need a reason for this last statement. First, the boys on the soccer team would like to play under a coach who is experienced and knows the sport. Both are necessary. This was evident last year. Soccer is a top-notch sport and you

need a top-notch man to lead it.

Secondly, the sport needs new life. It's bogged down pretty badly of late. Finally, ask this question: Who would the Tar Heel and Toers rather play under, Peacock or Alan Moore? I'll bet it's 10 to 1 in favor of Moore.

The real success of the sport lies in the department's decision. What'll it be? Moore is a real find and you can't go wrong if you add him to the athletic staff. It took the members of the frosh soccer and varsity lacrosse teams five minutes to find this out. He's a grand person and if he had a little assistance now and then he could do wonders.

HOGAN WOULD HAVE NIGHTMARES

Hey Chuck! Let's don't make that new golf course into an obstacle course. Those roughs could stand a little cutting. It's a tough course but let's don't make it any tougher.

Reaction To A Concept 'But I'm Still a Liberal'

In recent times, the expression liberal has surpassed the age old concept of love in its collection of equivocal meanings and feelings. Liberalism, unlike love, has not been considered as yet as a term which is indescribable. Nor should it come to be treated as such. Such a treatment would decrease rather than increase understanding between us. For us to agree that a certain attitude is above or impossible of description is escaping from rather than facing social reality.

Despite the confusion which surrounds the term, I consider myself a liberal. For me, it holds meaning in living.

Although liberalism entails a bringing together of many attitudes, there are two which stand out in my appreciation of the conception. The first is that one should accord to everyone in so far as it is humanly possible those social privileges and rights which he requests, demands or takes for himself. And secondly, one's approach to bi-social (personal - cultural) problems and adjustments

should be one of open-mindedness and understanding.

An illustration of the former idea would be: If I desire a certain type of home environment which would not be in the slums, I should not seek to prevent any fellow being obtaining the same general goal. In fact, we should cooperate as much as possible in meeting our common needs.

Now to elaborate upon the latter attitude: Being open-minded entails trying to hear the other side without undue bias. In opposition to this approach is the popular viewpoint that there are two sides to every question—"my side and the wrong side."

Understanding does not in itself involve agreement. In fact, understanding and disagreement are in many cases coexistent thoughts or feelings. What understanding demands is empathy is the "imaginative projection of one's own consciousness into another being"—that is, would you feel the same way if you were in his shoes. But whether or not you agree is another matter.

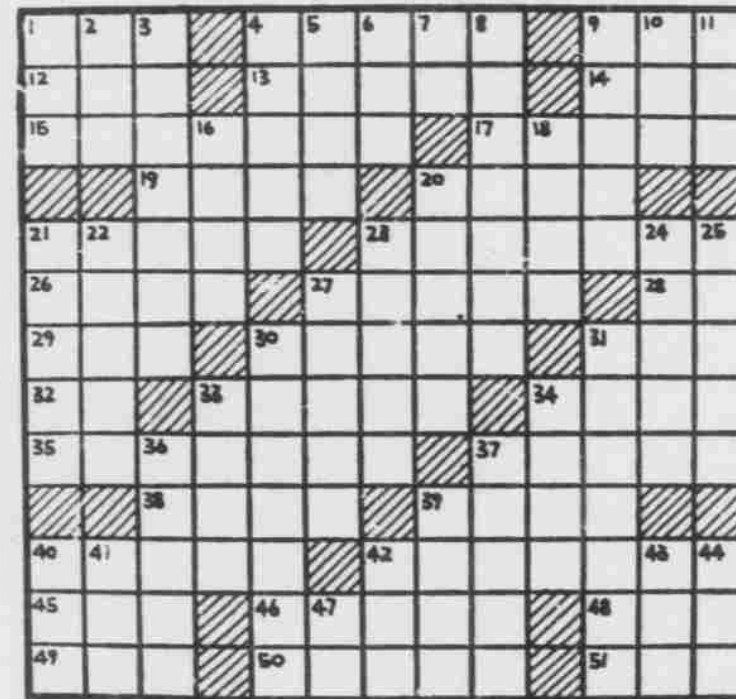
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which would be held in the disputed province, long the fabulous Vale of Kashmir to poets of East and West. Both the Hindus of India and the Moslems of Pakistan claim pre-eminent rights. Nehru, who formerly stated that a plebiscite would be acceptable, now announces that it must be conducted under "proper conditions." Neither side is willing

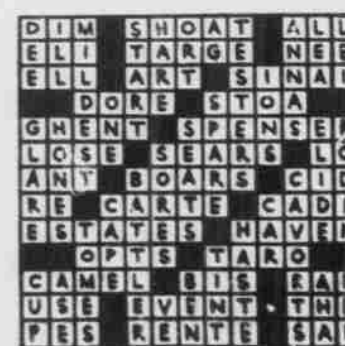
to agree to any conditions at this time. Neither side is willing to allow such a plebiscite unless the conditions are favorable.

Frank Graham walks into another stalemated situation. His many admirers in North Carolina and throughout the nation will be watching the progress of this latest effort of the UN. His success in Indonesia is in his favor.



- HORIZONTAL
 - 1. the heart
 - 4. brink
 - 9. health resort
 - 12. land-measure
 - 13. Mohammedan prince
 - 14. dance step
 - 15. mythological winged horse
 - 17. soras
 - 19. Shoshonean Indians
 - 20. den
 - 21. loses color
 - 23. strays
 - 26. epochs
 - 27. comes ashore
 - 28. mythological maiden
 - 29. blunder
 - 30. values
 - 31. by much
 - 32. behold!
 - 33. rescues
 - 34. walking-stick
 - 35. more saccharine
 - 37. endures
 - 38. gains
 - 39. liquid measure
- VERTICAL
 - 1. crown
 - 2. Danish coin
 - 3. orderly vessels
 - 4. ornamental
 - 5. Australian ostriches
 - 6. thing, in law
 - 7. goddess of earth
 - 8. commissions
 - 9. steeple
 - 10. close comrade
 - 11. donkey
 - 16. sweetsop
 - 18. helps
 - 20. country roads
 - 21. rinds
 - 22. barb
 - 23. irrigate
 - 24. laughing
 - 25. afflictions
 - 27. washes
 - 30. chattered
 - 31. makes secure
 - 33. blind
 - 34. tilt
 - 36. growing out
 - 37. narrow straits
 - 39. head
 - 40. droop
 - 41. cravat
 - 42. legal science
 - 43. city in Brazil
 - 44. in no manner
 - 47. note in scale

Answer to yesterday's puzzle.



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